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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT CALIFORNIA
WESTERN DIVISION**

CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY;
WISHTOYO FOUNDATION,

Plaintiffs,

v.

DOUG BURGUM, et al.,

Federal Defendants,

and

SABLE OFFSHORE CORP.,

Intervenor-Defendant.

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) Case No. 2:24-cv-05459-
) MWC-MAA
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) **DECLARATION OF**
) **BRUCE HESSON**
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) Honorable Michelle
) Williams
) Court
) United States District
) Judge
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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT CALIFORNIA
WESTERN DIVISION**

I, Bruce Hesson, state the following:

1. I have been employed with the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE) since 2016, serving first as the Supervisor of the Compliance Section, until my appointment to Regional Director in August 2022. Although, I submitted a retirement request on April 9, 2025, I am currently on administrative leave pending my final departure date. Previously, I signed a sworn declaration on December 18, 2024, and a supplemental declaration on March 7, 2025, in support of the motion to remand filed in this litigation. Now, I am submitting this declaration to clarify a statement made in my prior sworn statement.
2. Specifically, in my declaration submitted to the court on December 20, 2024, Doc. 37-1, I stated in paragraph 14 that “before returning to production, Sable must first satisfy several conditions.” As one of those conditions, I stated that “[t]he California State Fire Marshall Office’s Pipeline Division must inform BSEE that Sable is approved to operate the onshore pipeline segments 901-903, which have been inoperable since 2015.”
3. When I signed the declaration, I had coordinated with Departmental leadership in place at the time and collectively reached the conclusion that this was the most prudent policy decision, despite there being no specific BSEE regulation requiring this condition. This condition was not based on a legal requirement but would have been an exercise of BSEE’s discretionary authority over offshore operations. As a discretionary decision, it was subject to change by future decisionmakers.
4. I swear under penalty of perjury, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, that the foregoing information is true, accurate, and complete.

Executed this 23rd day of May 2025.



Bruce Hesson